

My name is Samantha Master, and I am a resident of District 43A. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB283, the Trans Health Equity Act, which would expand Maryland Medicaid to cover life-saving gender-affirming care.

As a 5th generation Marylander dating back to the enslavement of my ancestors on the Eastern Shore, I know that equitable and accessible health care is critical to reproductive freedom and the ability for all Marylanders to live with dignity. Gender affirming health care is one way to ensure our transgender and gender nonconforming community members have the resources they need to thrive.

The Trans Health Equity Act is a step in the right direction for Marylanders, and I urge you to support this bill.